

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Selectmen present were: James McIlroy and Wes Moore. Others present were: Michael Woodworth.

Wes made a motion to re-appoint Larry Shaw as Building Inspector for three years. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Wes made a motion to re-appoint Brian Knipstein as Road Agent for three years. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

James made a motion to re-appoint Lauren Hill to the Conservation Commission for three years. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

James made a motion to re-appoint Raymond LaBranche to the Conservation Commission for three years. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

The Conservation Commission asked if they could store records at the old Post Office Building. Permission was granted by the Selectmen.

Wes advised that the Fire Department is unable to utilize the garages at the old Post Office building as the equipment is too large for the bays.

The Conservation Commission has asked that the Town pay the legal bills for them if the Commission is not receiving Land Use Change Tax fees. The Selectmen have to wait for the Warrant Article changing the percentage of fees paid to pass before making a decision. This will be tabled until after the elections next week.

Wes made a motion to approve the Deliberative Session Minutes as amended. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

The Selectmen would like to meet with the Building Facilities Committee on March 27th.

Al Dixon representing the Town of Newmarket and Ram Maddali representing the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation are scheduled to meet with the Board of Selectmen on April 3rd at 7:00pm to discuss the proposed bicycle lane between Newfields and Newmarket on Route 108. It was decided to turn this meeting into a Public Hearing and it will be held in the Town Hall. This Public Hearing will be noticed in the local newspaper.

An invoice from Lane Law Offices was reviewed and sent on to the Conservation Commission for payment.

Correspondence from Lane Law Offices was reviewed. Attorney Lane forwarded a copy of the decision regarding Grant and Ott v. Town of Barrington (regarding changes to a warrant article made during the Deliberative Session) for the Selectmen to review. A copy was provided to the Town Moderator, Bill Davis.

Reuben Hull advised the Selectmen that the ramp at the front of the Town Hall will not be completed in time for the elections next week. The contractor is scheduled to complete the work either the week of April 9th or April 23rd, 2007. Reuben will also make arrangements for the railing to be installed at that time.

Verizon has asked that they be given permission to make their payments to the Town via electronic fund transfer. Before giving final approval, the Selectmen want to be assured that there are no risks to the Town. Nancy will review this with the Treasurer, Don Doane.

The State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration notified the Town that the Equalization Ratio is now 80.2%.

The minutes of the February 27th meeting were not approved as there was not a quorum of members who attended that meeting.

The Open Items list was reviewed and appointments to an Advisory Committee to investigate dispatch services was added to the list.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer